

Appl. No. 10/089,901 – Translation of the Priority Documents
Amdt. dated May 17, 2004
Reply to Office Action of Apr. 26, 2004

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The invention relates to flexible drinking straws, which accompany ~~are attached to~~ the packaging of fruit juices, milks, coffees etc. and are bent to take up less space and to be handier.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The straws used to date for this purpose, bear ~~have~~ 9-10 reentrant overlapping folds. To bend to obtuse angles (e.g. 180°), due to the restricted number of folds, continuous external pressure has to be exercised. This pressure keeps being exercised by the packaging material after they are packed in their final form. As a result the folds are permanently deformed and straightening of the straw anew is not possible. Also a problem is posed by the fact that all folds are expanded (unfolded) after bending of the straw. --

Attached also 3 verified replacement sheets. These sheets replace the original sheets.

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